

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## Nominating Candidates.

There seems to be some reticence or apathy in suburban Republican circles as to who the coming nominees for Senator, Assemblyman and Sheriff are to be.

The East Orange Gazette, without naming any particular candidates, insists that either the Senator or Sheriff should come from the townships. The Gazette sends a note saying in the suburban Republicans seem as follows:

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## Town Affairs.

BLOOMFIELD, Oct. 12, 1875.

**MR. EDITOR:** I agree with you heartily in the town affairs you took last week in regard to gas and other improvements. Our town deserves to be looking after.

This sum of \$8,000 or \$9,000 given in gas that perishes with the using, while we have such poor sidewalks and streets, is not creditable to us as an intelligent community. We ought to know better, or, at least, do better. It is certainly surprising that the people of Bloomfield have thus far submitted to be taxed so extravagantly for what, in a great degree, is uncalled for.

The gas improvement, as you say, not only shuns the rest of other and very necessary improvements, but it has really no seems, deprived us of them.

Two years ago we had a good plank walk leading from the depot to Linden avenue; but it was torn up, and never replaced.

Instead, we have, to be sure, the gaslight bill for April, May and June, \$1,652 29 ordered paid.

Payments to builders of new Alm-

house being due, it was ordered that an order for \$500 be drawn in favor of the Overseer of the Poor.

On motion, the position of Town

Counsel was declared to be vacant.

## Montclair Township Affairs.

The Town Committee met in regular session on Wednesday evening, all the members being present.

The following bills were examined and ordered paid:

Geo. Simonsen, \$242 15, road account.

Wm. Jacobs, services as Assessor,

\$500.

Peter Keen, \$6, roads.

Wm. P. Hughes, \$3 80, J. Carson,

\$61 25, on account of roads.

E. B. Crane, \$34 68 road repairs to facilitate drainage in front of Jacobus Building.

P. P. Hurlbut, \$139 50, surveys for new streets and grades.

J. Dunn, for making arrests, \$1 88.

Bill of Mullen & Sutphen, for carriage hire, incurred by constable in conveying prisoners to Newark, was laid over for further examination.

On motion, a sidewalk near Mrs. Taylor's property was ordered to be raised to relieve from standing water.

The Road Committee reported in reference to the delay in finishing improvement of Park street, by McFayden, which had been within a week, the town would have done.

The affidavit of the Township Clerk in the matter of opening St. Luke's Place, so that the people may have a more convenient place to regulate its financial and other affairs that individuals have. If, however, the times are hard, I find it necessary and choose to economize, there is no law to bind me.

But according to our township election of strife which ought to be there. No organized company might be permitted to use its influence, moneyed or otherwise, to control the ballot of our citizens. The people should be masters, not servants,—riders and not riders.

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Let those who do not want the town held in total darkness, those who favor just and equitable laws and assessments, act at once in this matter, by taking steps to secure a modification of the law which is sure to work more harm in the future, even than it has in the past.

ONE OF MANY.

We would call attention to the following extract from Proposition 11, one of the Amendments to the State Constitution, lately passed:

"The legislature shall not pass private, local or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases:

"Laying out, opening, altering and working roads or highways;

"Regulating the internal affairs of towns and cities, excepting local police regulations, or regulating municipal affairs."

"The legislature shall pass general laws providing for the internal affairs of the state, and for other cases which, in its judgment, may be provided for by general laws."

It will be idle for me to think of getting a "law like Montclair," on any special law whatever. The amendment quoted seems to have been framed purposely to guard towns against the evils of "special legislation";—to protect us from just what the above correspondent finds fault with.

And since it is made obligatory that the legislature shall pass general laws providing for the cases enumerated, it follows that we must wait patiently for a general township law to be enacted which shall regulate our internal affairs. It will not even be possible, as we interpret the law, for us to obtain a borough charter, as has been talked of. Instead of special acts for this or that town, we shall hereafter be clothed and vested after the ready-made fashion. Every town will have its legal garments cut and made to the every other town. And we have a thoroughly good and competent Legislature to do the cutting and carving, will be a decided change for the better. This special legislation has been our curse long enough.

To return a moment, in conclusion, to "One of Many's" communication: If our gas law is generally obnoxious, let a petition for signatures be circulated in ample time, asking the legislature for its repeal and praying for a law (general if it must be) which shall enable us to light our town in an equitable and rational manner.

The October elections were carried by the Republicans in Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska by heavy majorities. The Newark Charter election was also a triumph for the Republicans, Henry J. Yates gaining the victory over Andrew C. Maynard, the Republicans elect thirteen out of the fifteen Aldermen, carry the second ward except the Seventh and Twelfth. The Common Council will now stand nineteen Republicans and eleven Democrats.

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## Little Pilgrims' Picnic.

The juvenile department of the Presbyterian Sunday School held their picnic on Saturday last, in the good boat "The Mayflower" provided for them by their friend, Jacob F. Randolph, Esq. We name the boat Mayflower because it was freighted with little pilgrims, descendants of the Puritans.

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The leader of the company was Mr. Wyman, their Superintendent; he was among them like a shepherd; meekness clothed him like a garment, but the serene pleasure which rested on his face told how ample he felt repaid for the care and pains he was taking for their safety and pleasure.

The beautiful day—the careful teacher,

—the happy children—the obliging captain and his aids—the industrious driver—the sleek "Missionary Mules,"

—the more than ample provisions—the delightful voyage—the safe return—the hearty vote of thanks to those who had aided them to so glad a day—and the grateful emotions to the kind Father in heaven for His protecting love, left more to be asked for. At 3:30 P. M. the little pilgrims landed and separated to their several homes.

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